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INFO USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GERMANY/ECJ4/7-SAOCD
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SECDEF FOR ASD ISA (DSAA)

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SUBJECT: 106 MM RR AMMO FOR JORDAN (C)

REF: (A) AMMAN 3912, 04 1004Z JUL 74 (S/E)
(B) SECSTATE 146077, 060116Z JUL 74 (S)
(C) DALO-ILS 02 1954Z JUL 74 (C)

1. (C) WE ANTICIPATE RECEIPT OF A RUSH LOA FROM JAF REQUESTING
IMMEDIATE REPLACEMENT OF 500 RDS OF 106 MM RR AMMO BEING DELIVERED
TO YEMEN.

2. (S) EARLY THIS MORNING JAF SENT THEIR C-130 TO YEMEN WITH
A 5 T LOAD OF 76MM, 50 CAL AND 150 RDS OF 106MM AMMO. REMAINDER
OF AMMO, AS LISTED IN REF (A), IS SCHEDULED TO BE DELIVERED BY
ALIA AIRLINES ON THREE FLIGHTS WITH DEPARTURE DATES OF 29 AND 30
JULY AND 3 AUGUST. THE PROBLEM IS REPLACEMENT OF THE 500 RDS OF
106MM AMMO WHICH HM IS TAKING FROM JAF RESERVES TO MEET URGENT
REQUIREMENT BY YEMEN FOR IMMEDIATE AMMO DELIVERY. JAF IS ALSO
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EXPECTING IMMEDIATE REPLACEMENT OF THIS 106MM AMMO FROM U.S.,

BUT WILL AGREE TO SURFACE SHIPMENT TO KEEP COST DOWN AS YEMEN IS FOOTING THE BILL. THIS IS IN CONFLICT WITH REF (B) WHICH STATES EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO REDUCE LEAD TIME BUT DOES NOT ADDRESS IMMEDIATE DELIVERIES.

3. (S) FURTHER COMPLICATING THE 106MM AMMO PROBLEM IS FMS CASE ULS WHICH INCLUDES 2,500 RDS OF 106MM THAT JORDAN HAS REQUESTED FOR ABU DHABI. REF (C) STATES THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO REDUCE 27 MONTHS QUOTED IN ULS, AND JAF IS TELLING US THAT ABU DHABI IS COMPLETELY OUT OF 106 AMMO RESULTING IN AN IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENT FOR AT LEAST 500 RDS NOW AND THE REMAINING 2,000 TO BE DELIVERED IN 12 MONTHS OR LESS. JAF TELLS US THAT THEY CANNOT FURTHER DEplete THEIR OWN STOCKS AND THAT THEY EXPECT ABU DHABI TO SHELVE THEIR 106 RR'S AND PURCHASE U.K. 120MM RR'S FOR WHICH AMMO ALLEGEDLY IS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FROM U.K.

4. (C) IN FURTHERANCE OF U.S. INTERESTS IN THIS AREA WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO FINDING A WAY TO SEND 1,000 RDS OF 106MM AMMO TO JORDAN EARLIEST AND REMAINDER BE EXPEDITED. ADVISE.
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